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ORIGIN  
25X1X61. 503rd PW Camp Administration

- a. The Administration includes 13 PW camps in the Kemerovo region with an approximate total of 25,000 prisoners, who work on local construction projects.

Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. of MVD Troops Ivashkin

- b. These camps formerly contained German, Italian, Finnish, Czech, and Polish prisoners of war, with the Germans in the majority. By the end of 1945, the non-Germans, with the exception of several thousand Finns, had all been released and repatriated. German PWs, as a rule, were only sent home if they were unfit for further work.
- c. In January 1946, considerable numbers of Germans were transferred to other camps and replaced by Japanese prisoners. The Japanese work harder and, consequently, are better fed than the other PWs. The average daily ration for the Japanese consists of 350 grams of rice, 350 grams of bread, and appropriate quantities of fish or meat, tea, sugar, and fats. Since a ratio of only one guard to every fifty prisoners is maintained, the Japanese are allowed considerable self-administration. In addition to their ordinary work, the Japanese PWs are subjected to regular political instruction periods. Generally, PWs in the Kemerovo camps are better treated and better fed than political prisoners in the internment camps.

2. Internment Camp

An internment camp of some 2,000 men, women, and children--all so-called "Vlassovites" - is attached to the local collieries where the internees work. In this camp a ratio of one MVD guard to every three prisoners is the rule. (Field Comment: "Vlassovite" is the current generic term for all political internees, just as "Trotskyite" was ten years ago.)

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